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O 1815030Z JUL 75 FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 272 GOV PANAMA CANAL IMMEDIATE USCINCSO

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TAGS: CVIS PQ PN HA

SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF HAITIAN NATIONALS

REF: PANAMA 4305, STATE 168773

- 1. WE KNOW OF NO RPT NO INSTANCE IN PAST FEW YEARS IN WHICH GOH HAS TAKEN ANY FORM OF REPRISAL AGAINST HAITIANS REPATRIATED UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. GOH IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL AND HAITIAN RED CROSS HAVE PROCESSED AND QUESTIONED THEM BRIEFLY ON RE-ENTRY, THEN TURNED THEM LOOSE.
- 2. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS IS WHAT WE FOUND AFTER RETURN OF 25 HAITIANS RESCUED ON HIGH SEAS BY USS NIPMUC LAST FEBRUARY (PAP A-42, 0/21/75, SENT ONLY TO DEPT). IN BXNI SE, THE WHOLE GROUP INITIALLY REQUESTED "POLITICAL ASYLUM", BUT OUR INVESTIGATIONS AFTER THEIR RETURN REVEALED NTFHING MORE THAN FOREGOING
- 3. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO CONVEYING FOREGOING TO ANY INTERESTED PARTY.

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4. IF PANAMA WILL GIVE US SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE DEPARTURE OF AIRCRAFT, WE WILL TRY TO HAVE A CONSULAR OFFICER OBSERVE PROCEDURES AT RE-ENTRY. (IF SENT DURING WEEKEND, MESSAGE WILL NOT BE RECEIVED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING UNLESS SLUGGED NIACT IMMEDIATE). THOMSON

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